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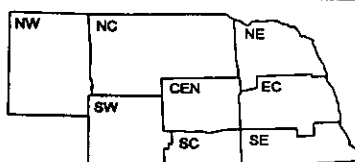
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged seven to ten degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation averaged from a trace in the Panhandle to over one and a half inches in the south central and southeastern parts of the State.

## GENERAL

Fall harvest activities were near completion as the week came to a close, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. In many cases, producers were following the harvest process immediately with field tillage operations. Rainfall on Friday and Saturday delayed fieldwork activities in central and eastern parts of the State. Other farm activities included applying fertilizer, fencing stalks, marketing grain, and livestock care.

## CROPS (Cont.)

Corn for grain harvest was 98% complete, slightly ahead of 97% last year and 94% average. Harvest was least advanced in the Panhandle with 96% combined as of Sunday.

Sorghum grain harvest rated 99% complete by end of the week, ahead of 97% last year and average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7% poor, 26% fair, 60% good and 7% excellent. The rainfall this past weekend should benefit the central and eastern wheat crop.

## LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producer activities included weaning calves and moving cows to stalk fields. Some reports indicated that producers were monitoring their cattle closely due to the above normal amounts of grain on the ground in some fields.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	96	98	98	98	99	97	99	99	98	96	97	94
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	100	100	99	99	98	100	99	99	97	97	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1997												
Days suitable	6.4	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.8	6.8	n/a	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	
(Percent) - Short	14	8	40	3	5	13	12	1	13	8	n/a	
- Adequate	86	90	57	95	93	85	88	92	85	89	n/a	
- Surplus	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	7	2	3	n/a	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	n/a	
(Percent) - Short	11	8	41	6	14	18	14	30	18	15	n/a	
- Adequate	89	89	56	92	85	78	86	66	80	81	n/a	
- Surplus	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	3	n/a	

n/a = not available

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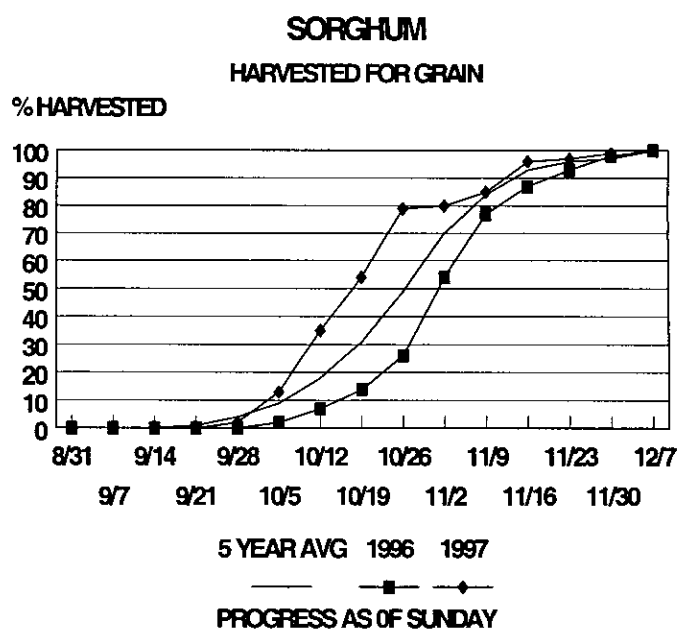
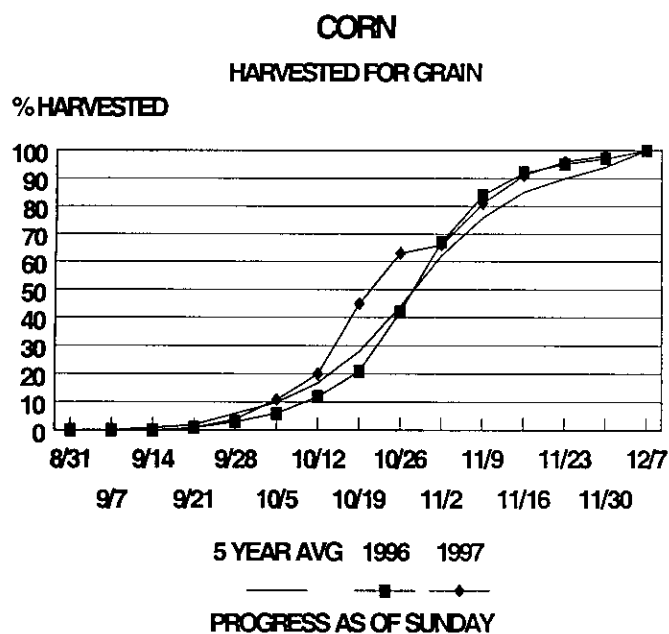
### Monthly Release Begins

This will be the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for this growing season. We hope this year's publications have benefited our readers in following crop progress in Nebraska. During the winter months (January, February and March), we will issue monthly reports. Weekly reports will begin April 6th for the 1998 season.

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1997

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	66	20	40	0
	Scottsbluff	65	19	40	0
	Sidney	66	20	39	T
NC	Valentine	61	16	39	0
NE	Norfolk	64	20	40	0
	Sioux City	60	16	38	T
CEN	Grand Island	65	19	43	.62
	Ord	65	23	43	0
EC	Lincoln	65	24	43	2.46
	Omaha	61	27	42	1.83
SW	Imperial	69	21	42	.04
	North Platte	69	14	41	T